**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26 – XXX WEEK O.T. [C]**

**Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough**

**The question that is turned to Jesus is of pure curiosity. Jesus accepts the question, but replies with most pure truth. It is of no use to know if a lot of or a few people will be saved. Instead, everyone must know in every moment if he is saved or will be excluded from the eternal kingdom of heaven. Both from the Old and from the New Testament, we know who is set out to the exclusion from the eternal tent of God. Here is who will be accepted on the holy mountain of the Lord according to the Psalm: “Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior.” (Psal 24,3-5). Here is the list, instead, of the sins excluding from inheriting the kingdom of God according to the New Testament: “Do you not know that the unjust will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators nor idolaters nor adulterers nor boy prostitutes nor practicing homosexuals nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God. That is what some of you used to be; but now you have had yourselves washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.” (1Cor 6,9-11). Thus the Revelation warns every man: “Then he said to me, "Do not seal up the prophetic words of this book, for the appointed time is near. Let the wicked still act wickedly, and the filthy still be filthy. The righteous must still do right, and the holy still be holy." "Behold, I am coming soon. I bring with me the recompense I will give to each according to his deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are they who wash their robes so as to have the right to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates. Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the unchaste, the murderers, the idol-worshipers, and all who love and practice deceit.” (Rev 22,10-15). The one who lives in one of the sins contained in these lists should know that he would be excluded from the heavenly Jerusalem. There will be no space for him in it. He has not walked in the Word of Christ Jesus. He has not listened to his voice. Here is why Jesus asks everyone: “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough”. On the way toward the kingdom of heaven, once one has set out, one must persevere until the end, for only the one who perseveres will enjoy the delight of dwelling with the Lord in eternity. In the holy town of heaven, nothing of impure will enter. The one who believes in the Word of Jesus gets converted, abandons the way of evil, takes the way of good and walks it until reaching the gates of the town in which the Lord dwells eternally. The one who does not believe in the Word of Jesus, will persevere in evil, deceiving and deluding himself. One considers himself already saved, actually he does nothing but slipping toward the eternal darkness more and more every day. It is most pure revelation.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 13, 23-30**

**Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from.' And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where (you) are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."**

**Today the world of the disciples of Jesus, abolishing and abrogating, eluding and denying the entire Word of the Gospel, first has created his God, totally different from the God who has revealed himself in the Sacred pages of the Scripture. The God of the Christians is a God who in the moment of our entering in eternity knows one only door: that leading in his eternal dwelling. So far it is common thought that neither darkness on earth nor after death exist. There is any perdition, neither during life nor after having left this world. By now only the eternal life exists and in it we are everyone accepted by the great mercy of our God. Instead, Jesus does not speak from the faith in a God that He has built on his own. He speaks from the most pure truth of his Father who is the Lord of heaven and earth, who is righteousness and mercy, forgiveness but also eternal judgement on every action of men. Here is why we are all warned so that we commit ourselves to reach the eternal kingdom. We might not reach it. Jesus says to us that many are those who will not reach it and will end in the eternal darkness and perdition. The one who believes in his word can begin a true path of conversion in the most pure obedience to the Gospel. May the Mother of God and our Mother obtain for us a most pure faith in every Word of her Son. First, though, may She deliver us from every falsity contaminating our mind.**